

TOWNSHIP OF O'HARA
COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 9, 2019

I. OPENING PROCEDURES

- A. Call to Order by President Smith at 7:01 p.m.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance led by President Smith.
- C. Roll Call

Council Members Present: Robert John Smith, President of Council; Charles A. Vogel, Vice-President of Council; George H. Stewart, Second Ward; Scott Frankowski, Third Ward; Allison Berger, Fourth Ward; Cassandra Eccles, Fifth Ward; John R. Denny, Jr., At-Large

Also Present: Ted Curran, Treasurer; Julie A. Jakubec, CPA, CGMA, Township Manager; Dan Garfinkel, Township Solicitor; Charles W. Steinert, Jr., P.E., Township Engineer; Scott K. Slagel, Police Superintendent; Cathy Bubas, Manager's Secretary

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Council Workshop – March 5, 2019
- B. Council Regular Meeting – March 12, 2019

Motion by Mr. Stewart to approve the subject minutes as presented was seconded by Mr. Denny, Jr. and carried unanimously.

III. FINANCE

- A. Vouchers – March 2019

Motion by Mr. Stewart to approve the subject vouchers as presented was seconded by Mr. Denny, Jr.

Mr. Stewart and Mr. Frankowski presented questions which staff answered satisfactorily.

On voice vote the motion carried unanimously. The vouchers total \$763,821.93.

- B. Receipts and Expenditures Records – February 2019

Motion by Mr. Stewart to accept the receipts and expenditures records as presented was seconded by Mr. Frankowski and carried unanimously.

- C. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Curran stated everything is in line. Though expenditures are up, so are revenues.

Treasurer Curran inquired about Waste Management honoring the recycling contract. Manager Jakubec explained a new contract would need to be negotiated. Until then Waste Management is honoring the existing contract.

Treasurer Curran commended Police Superintendent Slagel for the vehicle purchases that were under budget.

President Smith deviated from the agenda to hear a citizen's concern.

Mr. Greg Dietz, Robinhood Road, expressed concern of a storm sewer on his property. He explained neighbors have begun piping spring water into the storm sewer. During last year's summer storms his home was flooded because the storm sewer could not handle all the water.

Mr. Steinert, Jr., P.E. acknowledged a storm water issue and the pipe was replaced. He indicated he would stop by to assess the sewer. Mr. Steinert, Jr., P.E. explained no pipe size could have handled all the rain storms last year. A culvert cannot be designed for every extraordinary event.

Mr. Stewart stated he walks there regularly and would stop by.

IV. REPORTS

A. Other Organizations and Agencies Reports

Mr. Frankowski stated he attended the Allegheny League of Municipalities (ALOM) conference. As the Township representative for the MRM Property and Liability Insurer, he presented a dividend check in the amount of \$59,833.30. Mr. Frankowski also presented a dividend check for workers' compensation in the amount of \$90,986.80.

Vice President Vogel attended the ALCOSAN Presentation concerning the Grow Grant and provided information to the Township Engineer.

Mr. Frankowski noted a high alert on the use of marijuana in the workplace. Mr. Stewart noted a need to adjust regulations. He also acknowledged the Township Police have been training to identify users. Police Superintendent Slagel stated the use is becoming very popular in many forms. All Police Officers will receive training.

Mr. Curran noted legislation to allow local municipalities to use radar, which would be beneficial when people complain about speeding. Police Superintendent Slagel stated he would like to see radar use by municipal police legalized. He further explained current speed monitoring methods used by the Police Officers.

Ms. Berger recalled a utility partnership whereby a municipality requires photos before work begins. She also recalled e-bid management through Pennbid.com. Manager Jakubec noted the Township is registered with munibid.com.

Ms. Berger noted ALCOSAN has been taking over small segments of municipal sewer lines. She questioned what would happen if development were to occur upstream. Manager Jakubec stated

the municipalities would have to allow the development to connect to the sewer line. She anticipated a lot of pushback on ALCOSAN, noting a lot of issues with the one-sided agreement.

Ms. Eccles noted the 2020 census would be coming out and encouraged people to fill out the census. Mr. Denny, Jr. added that the census will also be online.

President Smith noted emergency services are consolidating due to a lack of training for police officers in Pennsylvania. Manager Jakubec indicated O'Hara's Police Department is very focused on training, all the Police Superintendents/Chiefs have been meeting to discuss training and coordinating joint purchases.

It was noted some municipalities have difficulty getting police officer applicants for the \$20 an hour part-time position. Also noted were some municipalities have decided to merge Police Departments.

B. Monthly Departmental Reports

Mr. Stewart inquired about any changes since last week on the Saxonburg Sewer Project. Manager Jakubec recalled a meeting last week. The project is moving along, and the bridge is now gone.

President Smith questioned when the sewer line would be run. Mr. Steinert, Jr., P.E. indicated the line would not be run until the pump station is up and running. He further explained additional testing needed to ensure the pump station is functioning properly.

C. Manager's Report

Mr. Frankowski referenced a meeting with State Representative Lori Mizgorski concerning a sink hole on Kittanning Pike. The issue is now in Penn D.O.T.'s hands.

Mr. Stewart inquired about the status of Ravine Street. The Manager had not received an update, but would ask Senator Williams or State Representative Mizgorski.

Manager Jakubec explained a National Car Charge Station would be installed in Squaw Valley Park for people to charge electric cars. Ms. Berger inquired about other locations for the car charging stations. The Manager indicated Squaw Valley Park is the most used Township park. Ms. Berger noted the parking lot fills so quickly and the charging stations would remove parking spaces. It was noted the municipal building parking lot is for overflow parking at the park.

Manager Jakubec noted a rebate available from the Volkswagen settlement. The first half hour of charging would be free and thereafter, \$1.50 per hour is the industry standard fee.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Proclamation

(1) Proclamation Recognizing the Services of PA One Call

Manager Jakubec stated Marcos R. Bernal of Pennsylvania One Call System, Inc. has requested Council's consideration of a proclamation recognizing the 47th year of continuous 811 service. Motion by Vice President Vogel to approve the subject proclamation was seconded by Mr. Stewart and carried unanimously.

B. Ordinance – Introduction for First Reading

- (1) Amending the Township Police Pension Plan B-12-2019

Manager Jakubec explained as a result of the 2018 negotiated Police Bargaining Unit Agreement, the Township agreed to provide a service increment for the pension plan for every full year worked after 25 years of service, with the increment maxing out at 30 years of service. The Plan must be amended to include the change.

Motion by Ms. Eccles to introduce ordinance Bill No. B-12-2019 was seconded by Mr. Stewart and carried unanimously.

C. Resolutions

- (1) Granting Minor Subdivision Approval to the Frauenholz Plan of Lots B-13-2019

The Manager recalled Joe Frauenholz has proposed to revise the lot lines among parcels 436-L-20, 436-L-100 and 436-L-110 located along Saxonburg Boulevard, Glenshaw, PA 15116. The Township Planning Commission reviewed the application and has recommended that Council approve the Plan subject to one condition, which was subsequently satisfied.

Motion by Vice President Vogel to approve resolution Bill No. B-13-2019 was seconded by Mr. Stewart and carried unanimously.

- (2) Authorizing the Purchase of Public Service Department Equipment B-14-2019

Manager Jakubec stated Public Service Superintendent Loren Kephart is requesting authorization to purchase a 2019 Bomag BMP 8500 Remote Control Trench Roller through the CoStars Contract from Stephenson Equipment, Prospect, PA in the total amount of \$28,250.00, which includes \$1,600 for the trade in of the Wacker Remote Controlled Trench Roller. The budgeted allotment for the trench roller is \$30,000.00.

Motion by Mr. Stewart to approve resolution Bill No. B -14-2019 was seconded by Ms. Eccles and carried unanimously.

- (3) Awarding the 2019 Road Improvement Program Contract B-15-2019

The Manager recalled bids were received by Fox Chapel Borough for the 2019 Road Improvement Program. It is recommended that the Township award the Base Bid in the amount of \$763,679.00 and Add Alternates No. 5 (Sigma Drive), No. 6 (Zeta Drive), and No. 7 (Field Club Road) in the total amount of \$248,385.50 to Youngblood Paving. The grand total for the 2019 Road

Improvement Program contract is \$1,012,064.50. The 2019 budget allocation for the Road Improvement Program is \$1,100,000.

Motion by Mr. Denny, Jr. to approve resolution Bill No. B-15-2019 was seconded by Vice President Vogel.

The Manager stated excess funds in the budget would be used for concrete work in RIDC. Also noted was work in RIDC would occur at night. Staff was to notify RIDC.

Mr. Stewart recalled a company at the ALOM Conference had a list of fibers to add to the paving material. Mr. Steinert, Jr., P.E. explained the Township has been adding plastic to the binder material for the past five years. One and one-half inch of the paving would be taken off and put back down to minimize costs and extend the life of the pavement. He also noted this is the first large scale testing done in this area.

On roll call the motion carried unanimously.

D. Motions

(1) Solicitor's Conflict of Interest – Tax Assessment Appeal Representation

Manager Jakubec stated Township's Solicitor Philip Weis is requesting the Township to waive a conflict of interest concerning representation of a tax assessment appeal. She explained the school district appeals residential assessments. She believed a Buchanan Ingersoll Rooney employee to be the home owner whose assessment has been appealed by the school district.

Mr. Denny, Jr. clarified if Buchanan Ingersoll Rooney is successful, the Township receives less tax dollars, which he admittedly had a problem with. Solicitor Garfinkel stated Council has the right to deny the request and Buchanan Ingersoll Rooney would not represent the resident.

Motion by Vice President Vogel to waive the conflict of interest by Buchanan Ingersoll Rooney by representing a Township resident in an assessment appeal, was seconded by Mr. Frankowski.

It was noted Council had granted such waivers in the past. President Smith noted Council is not fully aware of the incidentals.

On voice vote the motion carried 4 to 3, with Ms. Eccles, Mr. Denny, Jr., and Mr. Stewart voting against.

(2) Appointing Liaisons to RIDC Alliance

President Smith stated in order to improve communications with the RIDC Alliance, it has been suggested that members of Council represent the Township as liaisons to the RIDC Alliance. He recalled prior discussion about this and all other agenda items during the April 2nd workshop.

Motion by Vice President Vogel to appoint Ms. Berger as liaison and Mr. Stewart as co-liaison to the RIDC Alliance, was seconded by Mr. Denny, Jr. and carried unanimously.

(3) Appointment to the Fox Chapel Authority Board

Manager Jakubec informed Council that Richard Sikon had submitted a letter of resignation from the Board. Mr. Sikon served on the Board since 2010.

The Manager recalled Council had previously interviewed resident volunteers and could appoint any of the volunteers that were not appointed to any board or commission.

Motion by Mr. Denny, Jr. to appoint Mike Miele to the Fox Chapel Authority Board to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Sikon.

It was noted Mr. Miele is an engineer and works with the waste water world. He also has a financial background.

Mr. Stewart seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

VI. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Citizens

No comments.

B. Council

Mr. Denny, Jr. noted a resident had questioned if the stone wall on Delafield Road would be repaired. Manager Jakubec indicated she would reach out to County Council Representative Anita Prizio, and requested Mr. Steinert, Jr., P.E. to reach out to his County contact, since Delafield Road is maintained by the County.

Mr. Denny, Jr. requested an update on the minimart mall. Manager Jakubec indicated the mall is located in Blawnox and have all the required approvals. She recalled one condition of approval is they put sidewalks all the way up Alpha Drive.

Mr. Stewart asked if the tax revenue would be shared with Blawnox. The Manager indicated taxes would be shared based on square footage.

Mr. Frankowski stated the mausoleum construction is ahead of schedule. He recalled compliments to the Township Building Inspector. He also noted someone is throwing building products in the cemetery dumpster.

Mr. Frankowski noted people are flying through the stop sign at the intersection of Kirkwood and Kittanning Pike. He noted the local park and lots of kids in that area.

Vice President Vogel noted a pothole at the top of Powers Run Road where the asphalt meets concrete. Police Superintendent Slagel indicated he would be calling Penn D.O.T. tomorrow, as one of the Police Officers had also commented about the pothole.

Mr. Frankowski recalled asking the Catholic Cemeteries Association to plant a few trees between the mausoleum and Spring Grove Road.

Mr. Stewart stated he met with Keith Fenton at the community center about planning an event. He noted Mr. Fenton was very professional.

Manager Jakubec noted a Pizza and Police event scheduled at the community center on June 20, 2019 between noon and 2:00 p.m. to provide an opportunity to meet the Township Police Officers and see the new community center.

President Smith noted Judge Gallo resides at the Mews and has trouble turning left on to Route 28 South ramp. Ms. Berger suggested putting a fresh coat of reflective paint on the ramp divider.

C. Staff

The Manager noted the shelter roofs have been replaced at Squaw Valley Park. The new roofs will be metal and dark forest green in color. There will be rubber under the metal roof to muffle any noise. The Amish will install the roofs.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Vice President Vogel to adjourn the meeting was seconded by Ms. Berger and carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Cathy Bubas, Manager's Secretary

Attachment(s): Sign-In Sheet(s)